

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 9:02 am by Mr. Jeffrey O'Keefe, Board Chairman, at the Board's office, located at 3010 Lakeland Cove Ste W, Flowood, Mississippi. Roll call was made to establish a quorum. Quorum established.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey O'Keefe
Luzern 'Sonnie' Dillon
Kimberly Bedford
David Ray
Keith Dean
Sammie Reed
Max Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Della Smith, Executive Director
Edward Wiggins, Board Attorney
Henry Glaze, Inspector/Investigator
Don Blackwell, Inspector/Investigator
Other interested parties

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Luzern Dillon made the motion to accept the Minutes from the October 5, 2020 meeting. Mr. Sammy Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

APPLICATIONS

1. Patrick Dove

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The Board considered the Funeral Director Resident Trainee application for Mr. Dove. Mr. Dove had an affirmative response to Part IV Criminal History on his application.

Mr. Keith Dean made a motion to approve Mr. Dove's Application. Mr. Luzern Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

2. Jeremy Fakes

The Board considered a request for credit of services for previous Funeral Service Resident Trainee apprentice 14-FSRT-9478.

Mr. Sammy Reed made the motion to grant Mr. Fakes credit under Rule 6.4(5). Mr. Luzern Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

3. Curtis Strong

The Board considered a request for credit of services for previous Funeral Service Resident Trainee apprentice 17-FDRT-9794.

Mr. David Ray made the motion to grant Mr. Strong credit under Rule 6.4(5). Mr. Keith Dean seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

4. Establishment Interviews

Moments Funeral Home – 1601 Lackey St, Leakesville MS 39451

Mr. Luzern Dillon made the motion to approve the license. Mr. Sammy Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Kimberly Lewis Professional Memorial Services – 4307 Center St, Shuqualak MS 39361

Mr. Sammy Reed made the motion to approve the license. Mr. Luzern Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Remembrance Mortuary Services LLC – 330 W North St, Pass Christian MS 39571

Ms. Lataya Johnson appeared before the Board. She advised the Board that the ownership listed on the agenda was incorrect. Board staff requested a correction be submitted in writing.

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Mr. Luzern Dillon made the motion to approve the license. Mr. Keith Dean seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Mr. Keith Dean made the motion that only New Establishments and Change of Ownerships will require an interview. A name change only will not require an interview. Mr. Luzern Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Foster and Sons Funeral Home and Seven Oaks Funeral Home are tabled till the next meeting.

LICENSING

Mr. Sammy Reed made the motion to approve all Funeral Director licenses. Ms. Kimberly Bedford seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Mr. David Ray made the motion to approve all Funeral Service licenses. Mr. Keith Dean seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Mr. Luzern Dillon made the motion to approve all Reciprocal licenses. Mr. Max Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Mr. Keith Dean made the motion to approve all Crematory Operator licenses. Mr. Luzern Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

Lashonda Love requested to speak with the Board regarding Progressive Funeral Home. Ms. Love did not appear.

Board staff advised that Inspector/Investigator contracts expire June 30, 2021. Board staff will send out requirements for the position and will be accepting resumes and salary request.

The Board's Repealer, 73-11-33, expires July 31, 2021. Board staff requested the Board's assistance with getting a legislature to initiate a Bill.

COMPLAINTS

Complaint 177656334 Recommendation to dismiss, no violation.

Mr. David Ray made the motion to dismiss. Ms. Kimberly Bedford seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, and Wells

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Against: none; Absent: Dean

Complaint 841439838 Recommendation to dismiss, no violation

Mr. Sammy Reed made the motion to dismiss. Mr. Max Wells seconded the motion.
Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, and Wells Against: none; Absent: Dean

Complaint 219484567 Recommendation to close, insufficient information.

Mr. Luzern Dillon made the motion to dismiss. Mr. Keith Dean seconded the motion.
Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

BOARD STAFF REPORT

Ms. Kimberly Bedford made the motion accept the Board's report. Mr. Max Wells seconded the motion.
Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am for lunch and will reconvene at 12:45 pm.

Board reconvened @ 1:10 pm. Roll call was taken to establish quorum.

HEARING AND COMPLAINT

Mississippi State Board of Funeral Services vs Joshua Hughes FS-9224

Mr. David Ray made the motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with the Mississippi Open Meeting Act to consider the license of Joshua Hughes (FS-9224) that could result in an appeal of the Board's decision. Mr. Luzern Dillon seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

Ms. Kimberly Bedford made the motion to resume open session and the Board Chairman would deliver the Board's Determination. Mr. Keith Dean seconded. Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, and Dean Against: none; Absent: Wells

Determination:

Joshua Hughes did violate the Laws & Rules of the Board. Mr. Luzern Dillon made the motion to assess a monetary fine of \$2000.00 and the cost of the court reporter of \$225 to be paid in (4) monthly installments of \$556.25 with the first payment due 30 calendar days from the date of the Final Order. Mr. Hughes license will also be placed on probation for one (1) year beginning only after the 1st installment payment is made. Mr. Sammy Reed seconded the motion.
Motion carried. Vote for: Dillon, Bedford, Ray, Reed, Dean and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

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ADJOURNMENT

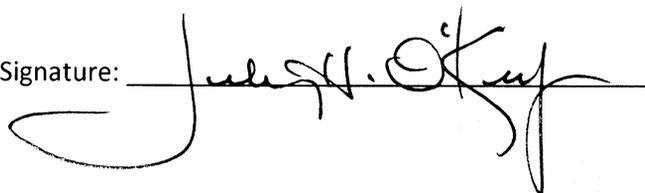
Mr. Sammy Reed made the motion to adjourn.

Mr. Keith Dean seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Approval Signature:

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